

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 622
By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Riley King for his
exemplary service in helping to elect good
people to public office in Sevier County.

WHEREAS, Tennessee is blessed to have numerous citizens who expertly learn the art
of politics and generously work hard to elect good people to public office; and

WHEREAS, foremost among such outstanding citizens in Sevier County is Riley King,
who is highly respected and trusted because of his long and productive record of working to
elect people of the highest quality to public office; and

WHEREAS, despite coming from Democratic roots, Riley "saw the light" and has never
looked back; and

WHEREAS, he served productively as the County Republican Party Chairman for three
terms, while working at the county landfill; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, Riley has served with distinction as a Republican County
Commissioner, expertly representing District 2; and

WHEREAS, he is a retired life insurance salesman and currently serves as the
scalemaster at the Sevier County Composting Facility. He is widely praised for his strong work
ethic and competence; and

WHEREAS, he is a loyal and active member of the Mountain View Baptist Church; and

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WHEREAS, Circuit Judge Charles Sexton has said he enjoys Riley's excellent sense of humor. Their running joke involves Mr. King's supporting Judge Sexton's opponent when Judge Sexton first ran for office. Judge Sexton has said: "He always begs me for forgiveness just in case he ever needs it"; and

WHEREAS, Judge Sexton also commented that he respects Mr. King for always doing what he thinks is best for his constituents and the county; and

WHEREAS, Judge Rex Henry Ogle has said: "Riley is very good at getting out the vote. Simply because so many people like him and trust his judgment about things that if he asks them to vote for somebody, chances are they will do it. A lot of people look to Riley for friendship and guidance. The people have trusted him to do the right thing by them. That's why he's a political force"; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Larry Waters has said: "His contact with so many people makes it advantageous to folks who are running or in office to talk to Riley about what he perceives is going on in the county"; and

WHEREAS, his wife, Naomi Helton King; sons, Phillip and Danny King; daughter, Dawn Hampton; and seven grandchildren have been very supportive of Mr. King in all his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to specially recognize and commend this dedicated and diligent public servant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Riley King and wish him much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

